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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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SUBJECT: SPONGE IRON SMELTER FOR EGYPT

REF: ALEXANDRIA A-038, AUGUST 8, 1975

1. MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT EDWIN CONNORS OF INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, WHO WAS SOURCE OF RECENT STATUS REPORT ON SPONGE IRON PROJECT (REPAIR), TOLD CONGEN AUGUST 18 THAT BACKER OF PROJECT PLAN FINAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6 AT MERIDIEN HOTEL, CAIRO. DECISION WILL BE TAKEN THEN ON WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH PROJECT OR ABANDON IT.

2. CONNORS SAID INVESTORS ARE VERY FED UP WITH EGYPTIAN PERSONNEL HANDLING LOCAL SIDE OF PROJECT AND ARE ABOUT READY TO GIVE SCHEME UP.

3. HE SAID THAT IF SPONGE IRON PROJECT IS ABANDONED,
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PROPOSED DIKHEILA EXPANSION OF ALEXANDRIA PORT (ALEXANDRIA A-013, AUGUST 27, 1974) WILL NOT RPT NOT MATERIALIZE FOR

MOST OF DREDGING AND IMPORTANT PART OF BREAKWATERS
AND QUAIS WOULD BE PAID FOR BY SPONGE IRON PLANT.

4. FYI- CONNORS HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM JOB AND ORDERED
BACK TO STATES BY IEC BECAUSE EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT PAID
\$45,000 FOR HIS WORK HERE. EGYPTIANS SAY THEY INTEND
PAY, BUT KEEP STALLING - END FYI.

5. COMMENT: LOSS OF SPONGE IRON PROJECT COULD PROVE
SORE BLOW FOR BADLY NEEDED ALEXANDRIA PORT EXPANSION
AND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AREA AS A WHOLE. IN
ADDITION TO MAJOR ROLE IN FINANCING BASIC EXPANSION,
SPONGE IRON PLANT WAS TO HAVE UTILIZED ONE-THIRD OF NEW PORT
CAPACITY (6.5 MILLION TONS A YEAR OUT OF 20 MILLION).
REMAINING 13 MILLION TON CARGO CAPACITY WOULD HAVE
DOUBLED PRESENT PORT'S ANNUAL TONNAGE THROUGH OUT. SIGNED CHASE
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